

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 7 and add new claims 8-9 as follows:

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Claims 1-6. (Canceled)

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A rotating shaft with a locking device comprising:

a cylindrical rod extending from the rotating shaft, the cylindrical rod having at least one milled face;

- 5 ~~a plurality of flat friction parts, each~~ at least one friction part, each at least one
friction part having a circular section, an arched section, an axial hole defined by the
circular section and the arched section, ~~and a gap between the circular section and~~
the arched section, ~~the plurality of friction parts being connected together,~~ a fitting
part extending from a middle portion of the circular section, the cylindrical rod being
10 rotatably inserted through each axial hole, ~~each~~ the arched section having a radius
adjustable between a locked state and an unlocked state, ~~such that~~ wherein a free
end of ~~each~~ the arched section releasably engages the milled section of the
cylindrical rod in the locked state and resiliently expands to engage an outer
circumference of the cylindrical rod in the unlocked state as the cylindrical rod is
15 rotated.

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Claim 8. (New) The rotating shaft with a locking device according to claim 7, wherein the fitting part has an inverted T-shape.

Claim 9. (New) The rotating shaft with a locking device according to claim 7, wherein the at least one friction part includes a plurality of friction parts connected together.